HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Government is aware of such reports appearing in a section of the press.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. The matter was investigated by the Additional Director in the Directorate of Education, Delhi Administration. The details of the investigation are given in the statement attached ,(*See* below). It is the management of the school which is competent to suspend the Principal or initiate disciplinary action. Delhi Administration has issued directions for suspension of the Principal.

(e) Delhi Administration gives 95 per cent grant to the school for salary and other non-recurring items of expenditure. The amount of the quarterly grant to the school is Rs. 3,47,840|- approximately.

Statement

Findings of Enquiry Officer

(i) The students have alleged that they were beaten up by the Principal. The allegation of locking up the students by the Principal is not substantiated.

(ii) The Management Committee may be advised to initiate disciplinary proceedings against the Principal, Vice-Principal and Manager since they all have, allegedly indulged in promoting groups within the school and failed to discharge their duties with devotion and dedication.

(iii) Disciplinary proceedings may be taken against the Head-Clerk and Accountant with reference to various allegations, after verification of the accounts in detail.

(iv) The Management Committee should be reconstituted under Rule 59 of Delhi School Education Rules giving representation to an educationist, preferably to a blind woman, so that it may infuse confidence among the blind students, The teachers in the Management Committee should be elected, not nominated, as per rule 59 of Delhi School Education Rules 1973.

(v) Maintenance of accounts and running of hostel should be streamlined.

Delhi Administration has issued directions under Section 24(ii) of the Delhi School Education Act, 1973 to the management to the school for suspension of the Principal, disciplinary proceedings against the Vice-Principal, constitution of the Managing Committee in accordance with the rules, provision of equipment like braille press, tape recorders, readers etc., conduct of the remedial classes for weak students, constitution of a Committee to supervise the management and administration of the hostel, framing of rules and regulations for the hostel in consultation with the Directorate of Social Welfare, installation of public call telephone etc. Direction was also given that in any case students should not be evicted from the hostel or compelled to leave the hostel premises.

Setting up of special environment courts in the country

129. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up environmental courts in the country to deal with effectively and quickly with cases relating to environment; if so, the details thereof;

(b) in which states these courts would be set up and by when; and

(c) to what extent the said environmental courts would provide speedy justice and protect environmental pollution in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) Government have not taken any final decisions in this regard.

Smuggling of pelts of Leopards, tigers and hyenas

130. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of pelts of leopards, tigers and hyenas are being smuggled out of India for sale in the International market;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or proposed to take in this regard;

(c) what is the estimate value of pelts seized during the last two years from passengers travelling abroad and what has been the total value of such seizures; and

(d) what is the number of persons prosecuted under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and other relevant statutes for smuggling of pelts to other countries during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Cases of attempted smuggling of pelts to other countries is dealt with under the Customs Act and not under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Details about number of persons against whom action has been taken in the last two years by the Custom Authorities are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Consultancy charges and Intellectual fee for Designing Navodaya Vidalayas

131. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have disbursed several lakh of rupees among the staff of the CBRI as consultancy charges and intellectual fees for designing Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country; if so, whether the said work has been completed;

(b) what amount has been disbursed so far, the amount proposed to be disbursed and the number of designs received by Government so far;

(c) what is the justification in giving such consultancy charges and fees to the staff of the CBRI from the public funds;

(d) whether it is also a fact that in an SOS the CBRI's scientific worker's Association, Roorkee has requested Government to stop misappropriation of public funds by disbursal to the staff of the CBRI; and

(e) what is the reaction of Government thereto?